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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  
NICKERSON et al.  
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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter and consider the following amendments to the claims and the specification:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the fifth paragraph on page 6, lines 19-21 to read as follows:

A1 Preferably, display 26 contains a high contrast, high viewing angle LCD display with a format of two lines of 20 alphanumeric characters each, including the capability of displaying three special currency characters.

Please amend the sixth full paragraph on page 6, lines 22-26, to read as follows:

AD Keys 24 may be constituted, for example, of a 5x5 matrix of full travel alphanumeric keys of the type provided on a push button telephone handset, in addition to a double width double zero key and operating command keys. Alternatively, or additionally, keys 24 may be

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